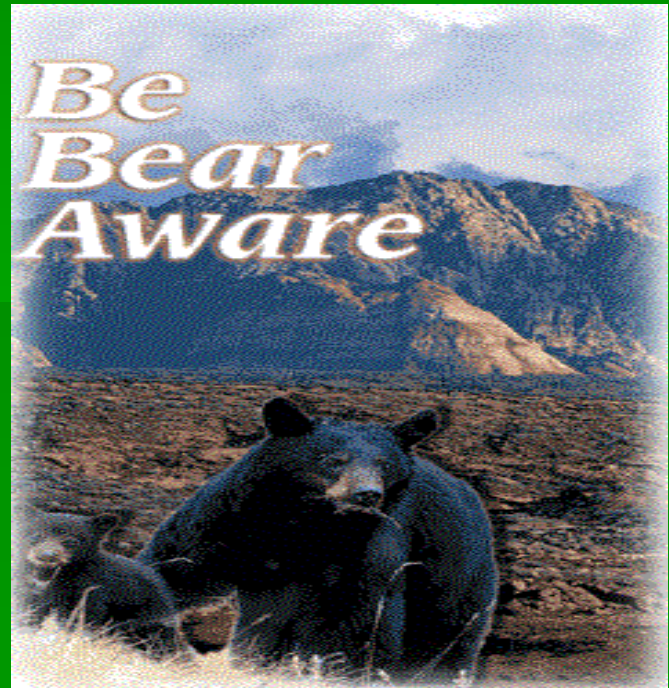


# BLACK BEAR SAFETY TECHNIQUES



- Recently, there have been a number of black bear sightings in residential areas in Fauquier County



# Tips for Bear Safety

- Put out garbage on the day of pick-up, not the night before. Store in sturdy building or place in a bear-resistant trash receptacle.
- Do not leave pet food out. Hang bird feeders out of reach of bears.

# Tips for Bear Safety

- Keep barbecues clean and grease free. Store with livestock/pet feed inside a sturdy building.
- Pick all ripe fruit from trees and surrounding ground as soon as possible.

# Tips for Bear Safety

- Vegetable gardens and compost piles may attract bears. Do not put meat, fish or other pungent scraps in compost pile. Add lime to reduce odors and accelerate decomposition.



# TIPS FOR BEAR SAFETY

- An electric fence is an effective way to keep bears out of orchards, gardens, compost piles, and beehives. Follow appropriate safety precautions.
- Bear activity may intensify in spring

# TIPS FOR BEAR SAFETY

- Black bears should always be considered unpredictable and potentially dangerous. A black bear will usually detect your presence and flee the area before you notice unless the bear has been conditioned to people and their foods.

# BEAR SAFETY TIPS

- If a black bear approaches, do not run. Remain calm, continue facing the bear and slowly back away. If the bear continues to approach, try to group together and pick up small children. Try to scare the bear away by shouting and acting aggressively.



# PLEASE DON'T FEED THE BEARS!!!

- Bears should never obtain human food, pet/livestock feeds, or garbage. Bears that receive these "food rewards" may become aggressive towards humans or cause property damage. To protect people and their property, these bears may have to be destroyed.



# BLACK BEAR SAFETY TIPS

- Seeing a wild black bear is an exciting and memorable experience.
- Generally, black bears are more afraid of humans than we are of them.
- They will generally not act aggressively unless protecting their young or provoked
- Following these Bear Safety Tips should ensure safety for you and your family.

# Black Bear

